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CLAIMS**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A valve assembly, comprising:
an orifice member defining a first surface, the orifice member having an inlet and
5 an outlet;
a plunger that is movable relative to the orifice member;
a first guide spring situated between the orifice member and the plunger and having
a portion attached to a first end of the plunger, the first guide spring
defining a second surface, the second surface being sealable against the first
10 surface to prevent fluid flow between the inlet and the outlet.
2. The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the first spring is attached to the
first end of the plunger by a spot weld.
3. The valve assembly of claim 2, wherein the first spring defines an opening
therein, wherein the first spring is welded to the plunger opposite the opening.
- 15 4. The valve assembly of claim 1, further comprising a second guide spring
attached to a second end of the plunger.
5. The valve assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
a valve body; and
a seal member situated between the orifice and the flow body.

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6. The valve assembly of claim 5, wherein the seal member comprises a nickel washer.

7. The valve assembly of claim 1, further comprising an elastomeric insert received an opening defined by the plunger.

5 8. The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the valve is normally closed.

9. The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein the valve is normally open.

10. The valve assembly of claim 4, wherein the second guide spring comprises a flat spring.